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TO: Aaron S. Fujioka, Administrator
State Procurement Office
Department of Accounting and General Services

FROM: Chiyome Leinaala Fukino, M.D.
Director of Health

SUBJECT: Requests for Exemption

You received three Requests for Exemption from Chapter 103F, HRS in May, 2004, from the Department of Health, Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Branch for the following organizations: Kokua Kalihi Valley (KKV) Community Health Center, Kalihi-Palama Health Center (KPHC), and Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center (WCCHC). This memorandum clarifies the request and explains the events leading up to this request.

In February of this year, the MCH Branch was contacted by representatives of a group of community health centers who had been meeting as a collaborative on a federal grant opportunity addressing disparities in the perinatal population. The group had been meeting to discuss the potential this opportunity could provide for the various communities and the underserved populations seeking care on the Island of Oahu. The MCH Branch was contacted by the group for several reasons. The group felt that there was already an established relationship that was collegial and professional based on other contractual arrangements. Additionally, the Branch was already administering a similar grant on the Big Island of Hawaii and has a commitment to working with reducing disparities in the population.

Prior to the initial meeting between the MCH Branch and these representatives, the group had contacted all of the community health centers providing services to the perinatal population on Oahu to ascertain interest in responding to the grant. Interested members of the group had been meeting among themselves to discuss the proposal. By the time the Department of Health, MCH Branch actually met with the group, it consisted of the representatives of the three (3) community health centers noted above: KKV, KPHC, and WCCHC. After discussing the many issues around this grant proposal, the Department of Health agreed to become a partner with the collaborative and had developed and submitted the Healthy Start Initiative grant proposal to HRSA. This was accomplished in a very short period of time as the deadline was short by the time decisions were made to pursue this effort.

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Unfortunately in our zeal to work with the community and facilitate increased funding opportunities, the staff did not follow established procurement protocols. I apologize for this breach on the part of the staff. I am requesting you proceed with the Requests for Exemption from Chapter 103F, HRS based on the following reason. There was extensive communication and outreach to other interested parties provided by the organizing group of representatives prior to actually working on the proposal with the Department of Health, MCH Branch. Additionally, these groups are established in these geographic areas and able to provide these services based on their track record and infrastructure with minimal start up activities should the grant be awarded. I hope that you will accept these exemptions and approve the request.

Please call Althea Momi Kamau, Maternal and Child Health Branch Chief at 733-9022 if there should be any further questions. Mahalo for your consideration in this matter.

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05-02, 05-03, 05-04

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To: Chief Procurement Officer

From: DOH/FHSD/Maternal & Child Health Branch/Women's Health Section
Department/Division/Agency

Pursuant to § 103F-101(a)(4), HRS, and Chapter 3-141, HAR, the Department requests a procurement exemption to purchase the following:

Title and description of health and human service(s):

Healthy Start Initiative - Eliminating Disparities in Perinatal Health - Border Health

The goal is to eliminate perinatal health disparities and barriers which contribute to infant mortality and poor birth outcomes. The funding will enhance the capacity of the community's perinatal service system to address the goals of reducing ethnic, racial, and other disparities in perinatal health. This is a major focus of the federal government. Cultural integration and enhancement of cultural services is a focus of this grant proposal in addressing these disparities.

Provider Name: Kokua Kalihi Valley	Total Contract Funds: \$258,666	Term of Contract:
Provider Address: 2239 N. School Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96819	Contract Funds per Year (as applicable). \$258,666	From: 06/01/04 To: 05/31/05 <i>Date of approval</i>

Explanation describing how procurement by competitive means is either not practicable or not advantageous to the State:

This federal initiative is specific to eliminating racial, ethnic, and other disparities in perinatal health. For the Kalihi area, the greatest disparities lie in the immigrant population, the Pacific Islanders, and Filipinos. Procurement by competitive means is not practicable or advantageous to the State because Kokua Kalihi Valley (KKV) is an established organization that serves a large number of immigrants, Pacific Islanders, and Filipinos who experience poor health status and birth outcomes. This community health center serves the lower Kalihi area, and has the necessary infrastructure to implement a program of this caliber. The perinatal services already established at KKV can easily implement the proposed services without too much cost towards infrastructure building.

It would not be advantageous for the State to solicit other vendors by competitive means because it would cost the State far more to establish a new program. With an established infrastructure and perinatal system, KKV will be able to operationalize the program quickly with minimal start-up costs and programmatic issues/barriers. The organization is also familiar with federal grant requirements.

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Details of the process or procedure to be followed in selecting the service provider to ensure maximum fair and open competition as practicable:

The KKV is located in Kalihi and serves the central and upper Kalihi areas where large numbers of Filipinos, Pacific Islanders, and immigrants reside. Perinatal disparities are pronounced in these groups as evidenced by the data and health status of the populations. The KKV serves as the provider of last resort, often providing care to those who have no other health resource. The Center is an ideal provider to impact on the system of care and enhance services. The MCHB has an established collegial relationship with KKV which will facilitate contract management and implementation.

A description of the state agency's internal controls and approval requirements for the exempted procurement: The MCH Branch will develop and implement an appropriate data system to collect and analyze performance measures, outcomes, and stated goals and objectives. The MCHB will be responsible for regular site visits, monitoring of activities, and review of records, documents, and reports. An Evaluation Committee will be formed to assure the appropriate implementation in accordance with scope of services, contract requirements, and HRSA specifications. The MCHB and community health centers will work with a local advisory committee/coalition and State guidelines will be adhered to.

A list of state agency personnel, by position title, who will be involved in the approval process and administration of the contract:

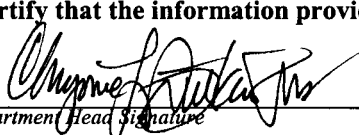
MCH Branch Chief
Section Supervisor (Women's Health)
RPN V
Section Secretary
Research Statistician IV
PHAO III

Direct questions to (name & position): Althea Momi Kamau, Chief Maternal and Child Health Branch	Phone number: 733-9022	e-mail address: momi.kamau@fhds.health.state.hi.us
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This exemption should be considered for list of exemptions attached to Chapter 3-141, HAR: Yes ☐ No ☐

I certify that the information provided above is to the best of my knowledge, true and correct.

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Department Head Signature

Date

Chiyome Leinaala Fukino, M.D.
Typed Name

Director of Health
Position Title

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Chief Procurement Officer's Comments:

DOH shall comply with procurement rules for future contract periods.

Please ensure adherence to applicable administrative requirements.

☒ Approved

☐ Denied


Chief Procurement Officer

7/2/04
Date

cc: Administrator
State Procurement Office